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PRODUCTION OF COKING COAL AND NON-COKING COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coking coal and non-coking coal produced and utilized in the country separately;

(b) whether a new technique is being developed to reduce the content of ash and sulphur in the indigenously produced coal;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the companies from which coking coal is being procured by the public sector undertakings of the country; and

(e) the total quantum of coking and non-coking coal imported in the country during the last three years, country- wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.154 for 22.8.2007

(a): The quantum of coking coal and non-coking coal produced and utilized in the country during the last three years is given below:-

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Coking Coal Producti on (including Imports)#	Coking Coal Utilised ion (including imports)#	Non-Coking Coal Product	Non-Coking Coal Utilised
2004-05	30.224	47.673	352.391	376.879
2005-06	31.511	47.428	375.528	386.745
2006-07(Prov.)	32.188	47.586@	398.662	409.781@

@ Imports upto Feb. 2007.

Figures of utilization have been arrived at by adding despatches of domestic coal for the year adding to imports.

(b) and (c): Most of the coal produced in the country contains higher ash but low sulphur compared to the coal available in the international market. With a view to improve the quality of coal by reducing the ash content, the coal is washed using various technologies. Since the sulphur content is considerably low in Indian coal, no special technology is used to reduce the sulphur content. However, only in case of Assam Coalfield, the sulphur content is higher where production is insignificant as compared to total domestic production.

(d): Coking coal is being procured from Eastern Coalfields Ltd.(ECL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.(BCCL), Central Coalfields Ltd.(CCL), Western Coalfields Ltd.(WCL) and South-Eastern Coalfields Ltd.(SECL) by the public sector undertaking of the country.

(e): Details of Country-wise and year-wise total quantity of coking and non-coking coal imported in the country during the last three years is given below:-

(In Million Tonnes)

Country	2004-05 Coking Coal	2004-05 Non- Coking Coal	2005-06 Coking Coal	2005-06 Non- Coking Coal	2006-07(upto Feb., 07) Coking Coal	2006-07(upto Feb., 07) Non- Coking Coal

Argentina	0.024					
Australia	14.044	0.309	13.973	0.392	13.575	0.514
Canada	0.048		0.043			
China	0.877	1.590	0.906	2.175	0.545	3.470
Indonesia	0.214	9.207	0.319	15.739	0.137	16.174
New Zealand	0.437		0.606		0.661	
Russia	0.189	0.021	0.045		0.050	
South Africa	0.083	0.473	0.021	3.223	0.216	1.539
Switzerland	0.014	0.006				
U S A	0.771	0.002	1.022		0.597	0.035
Vietnam	0.007	0.203	0.120		0.259	
Other	0.217	0.214	0.044	0.005	0.001	
Total	16.925	12.025	16.892	21.693	15.780	22.042